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Baby Animals

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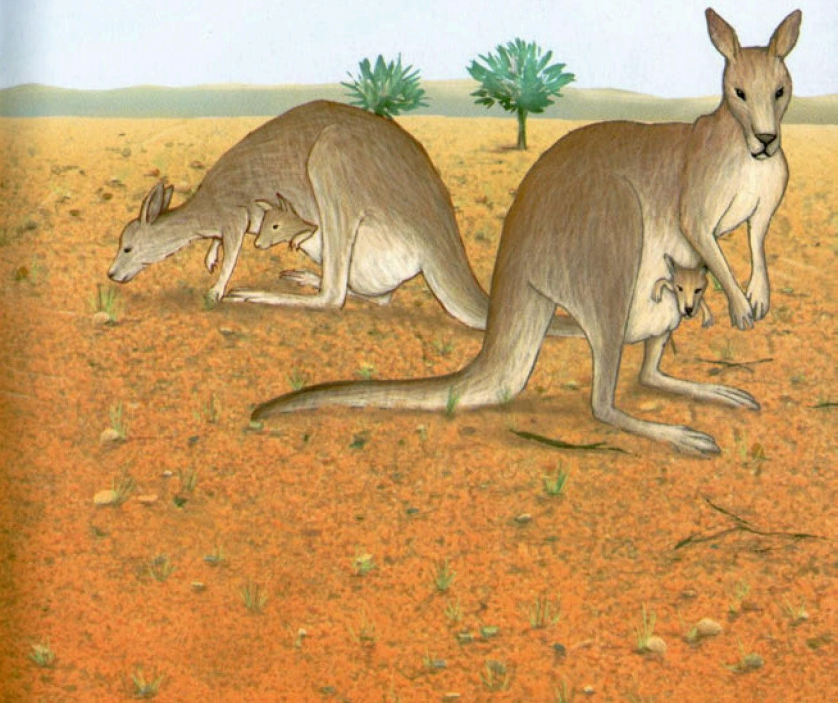

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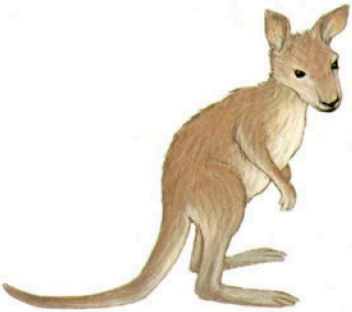

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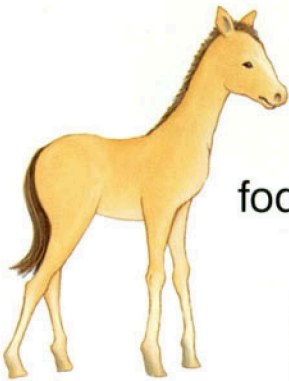

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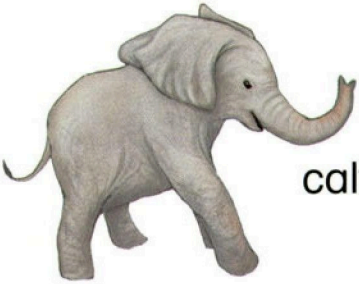

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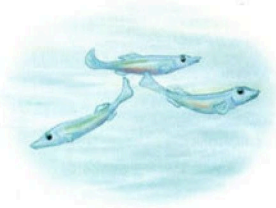

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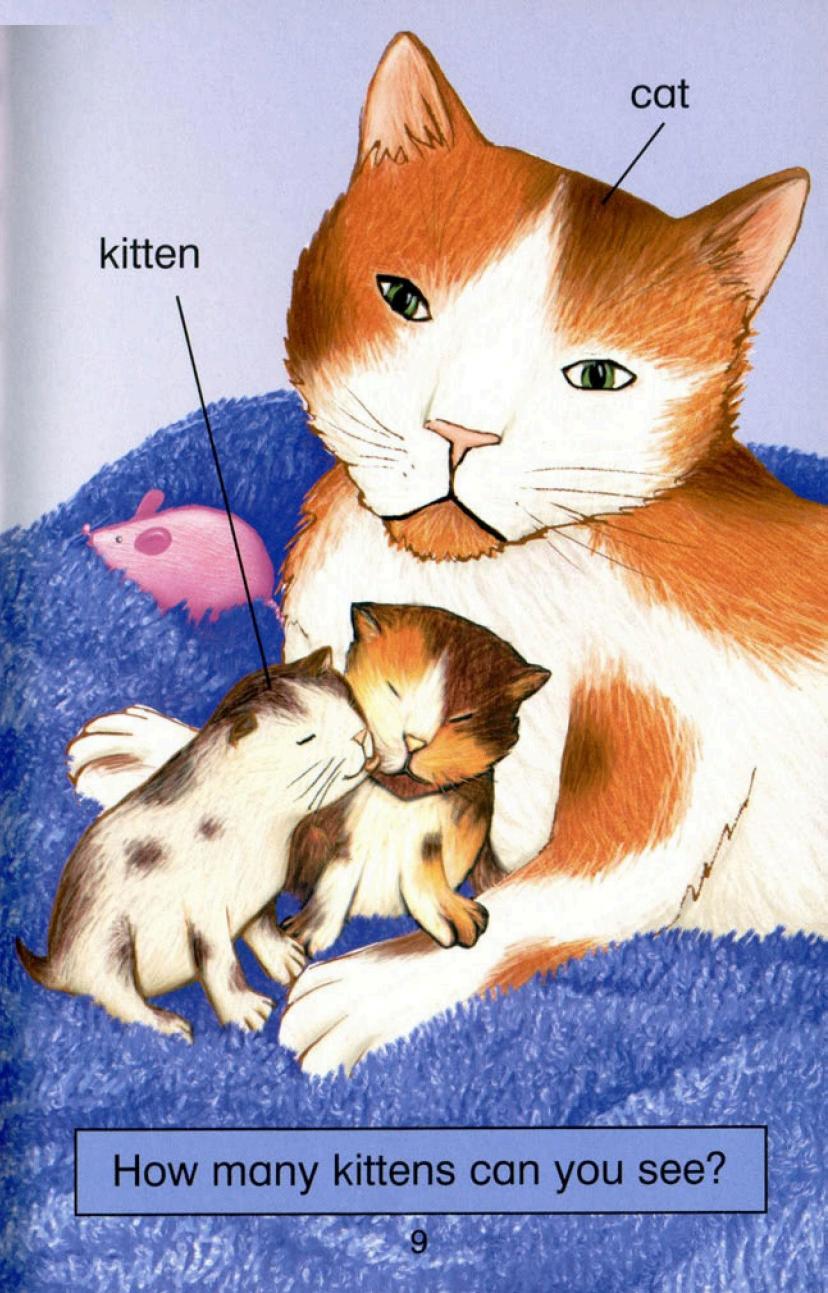
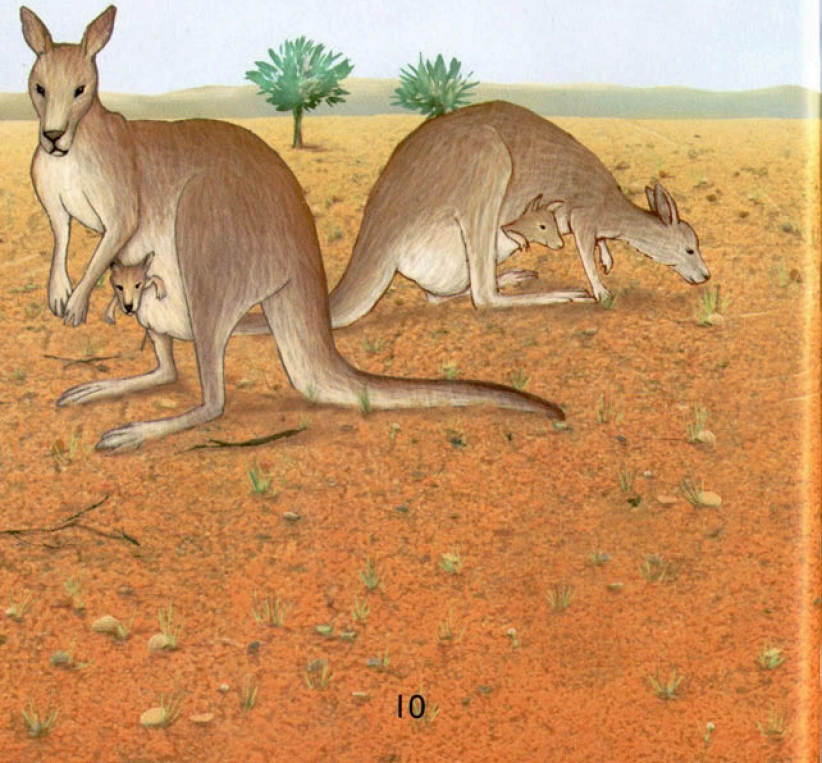
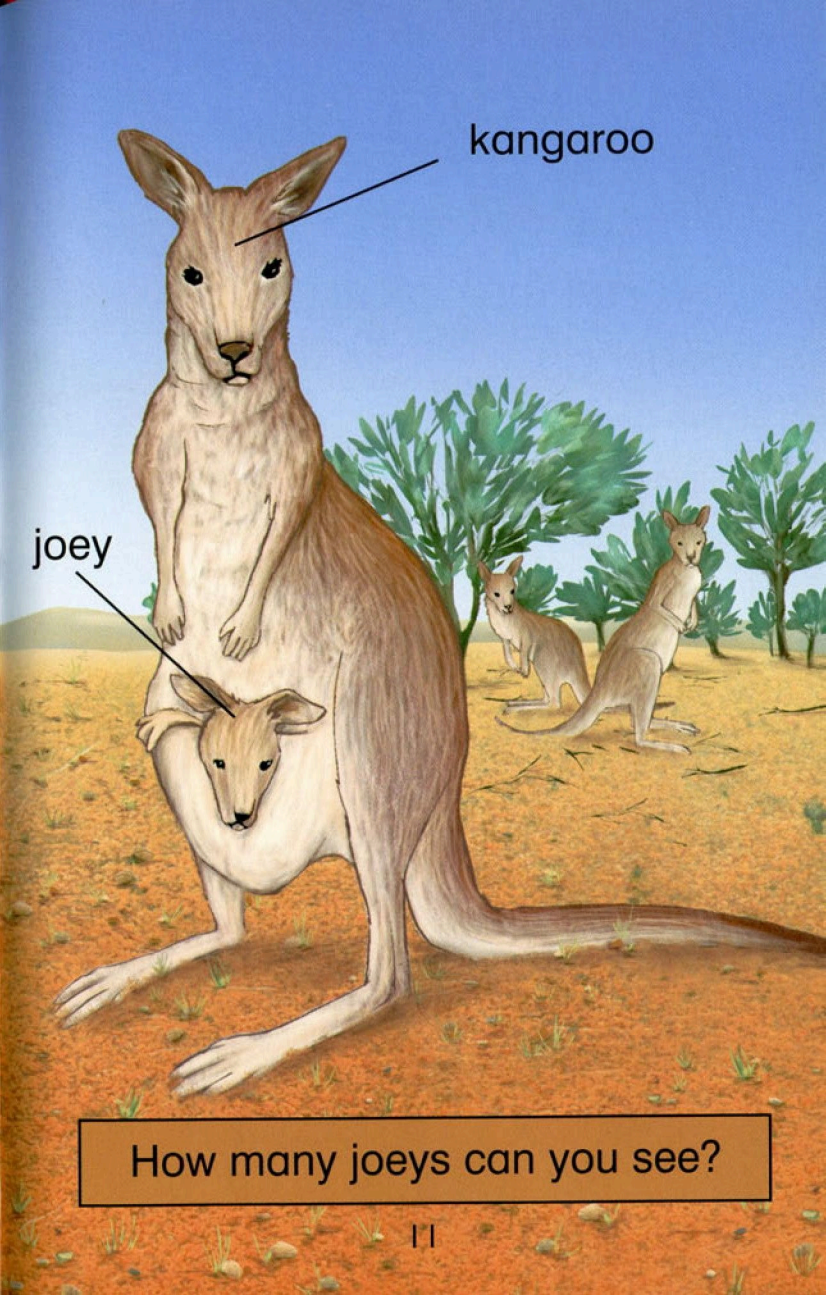
A baby cat is a kitten.
When they are born,
kittens like to sleep with
their brothers and sisters.



How many kittens can you see?

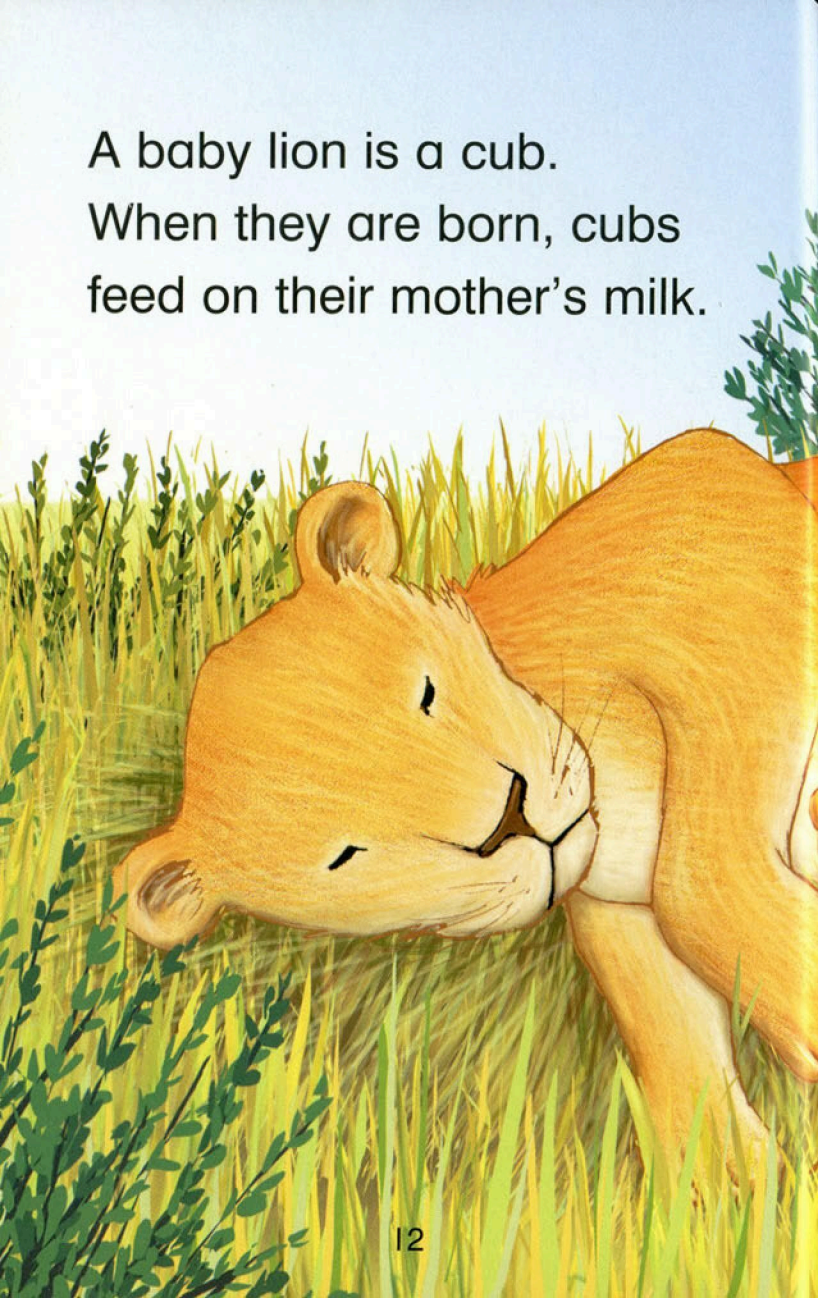
A baby kangaroo is a joey. When they are born, joeys live in their mothers' pouches.

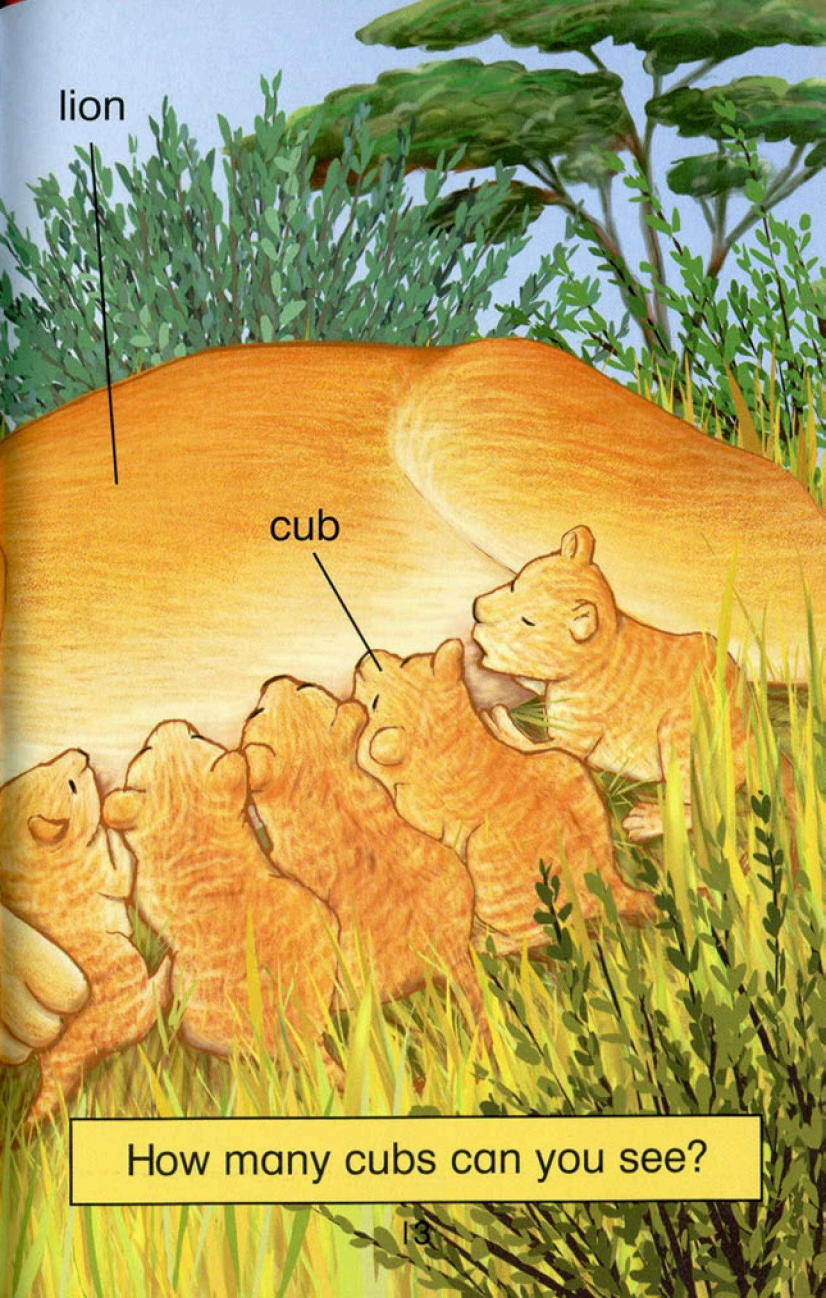




How many joeys can you see?

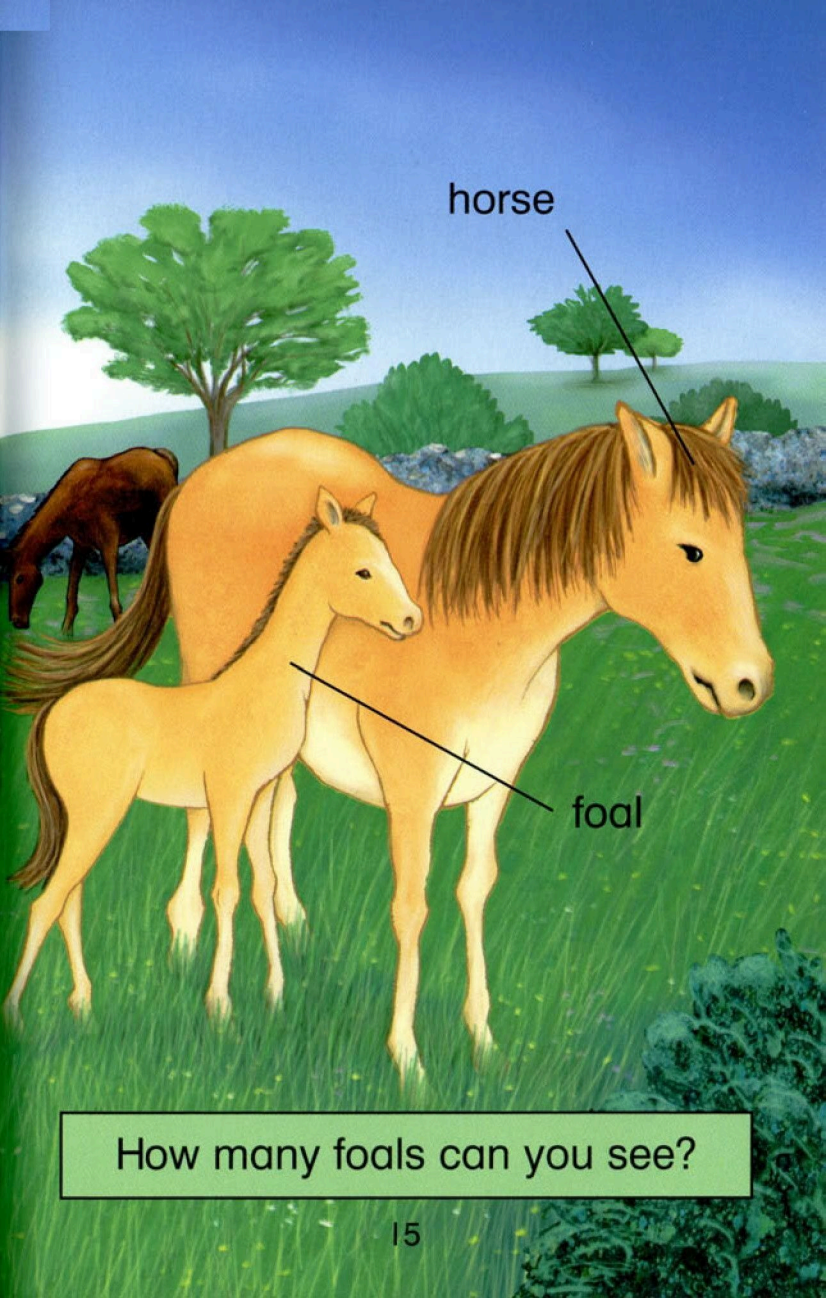
A baby lion is a cub.
When they are born, cubs
feed on their mother's milk.





How many cubs can you see?

A baby horse is a foal. When they are born, foals can walk.

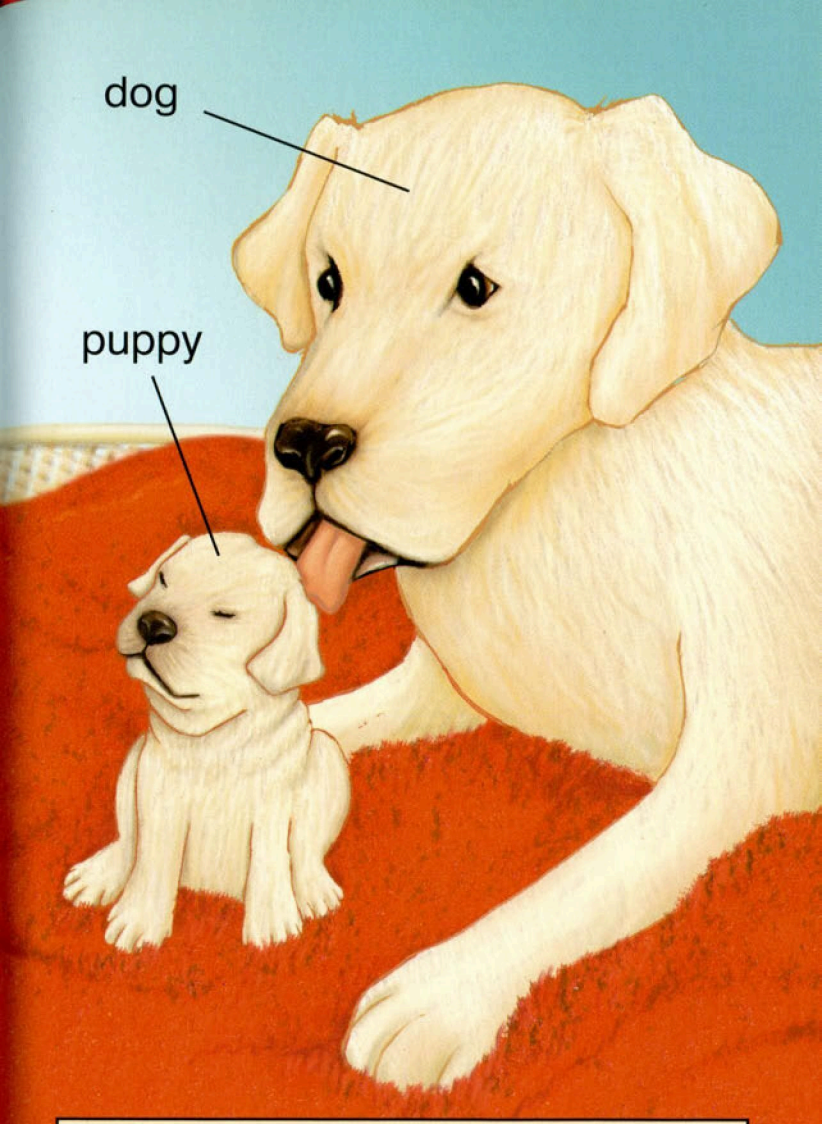


How many foals can you see?

A baby bird is a chick.
When they are born,
chicks live in a nest
made by their parents.

How many chicks can you see?

A baby dog is a puppy.
When they are born,
puppies cannot see.

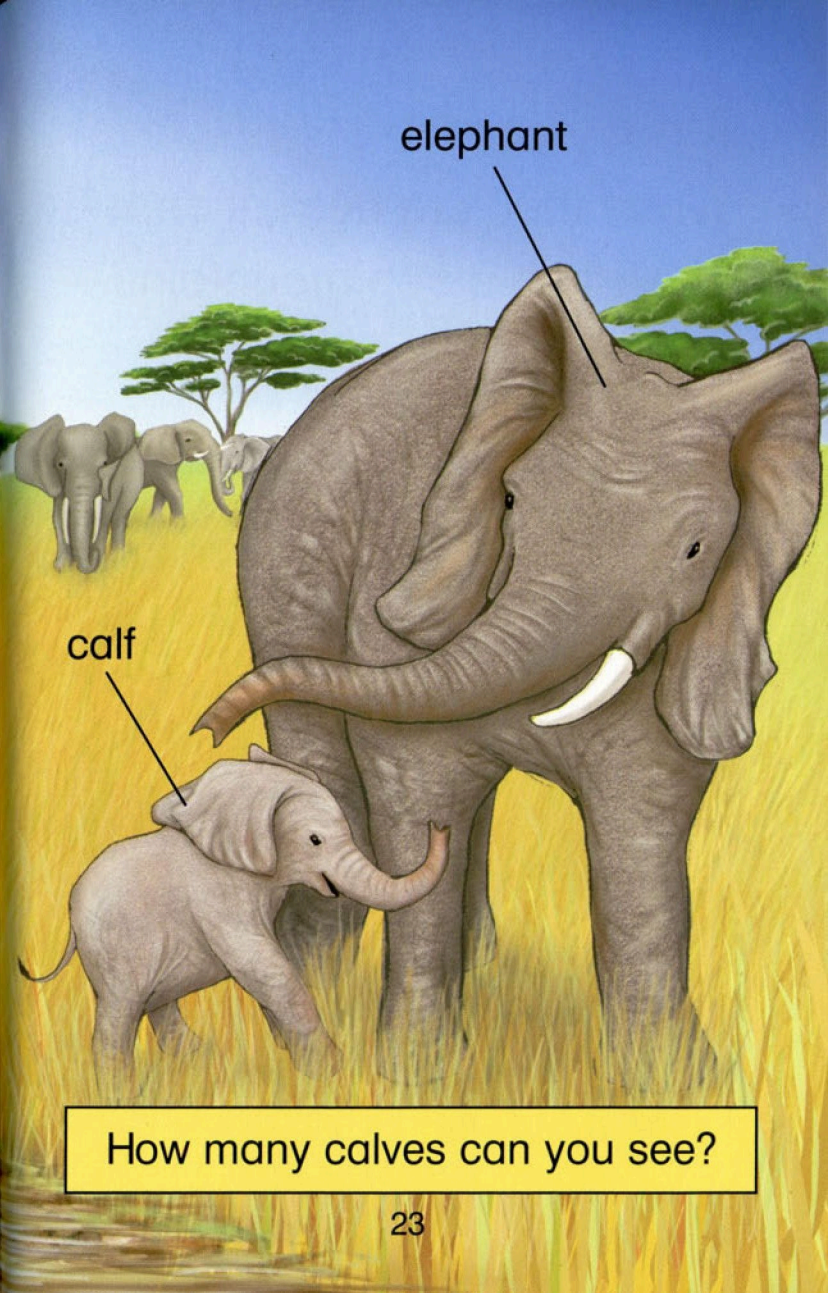


How many puppies can you see?

A baby deer is a fawn.
When they are born,
fawns hide in the grass
to keep safe.

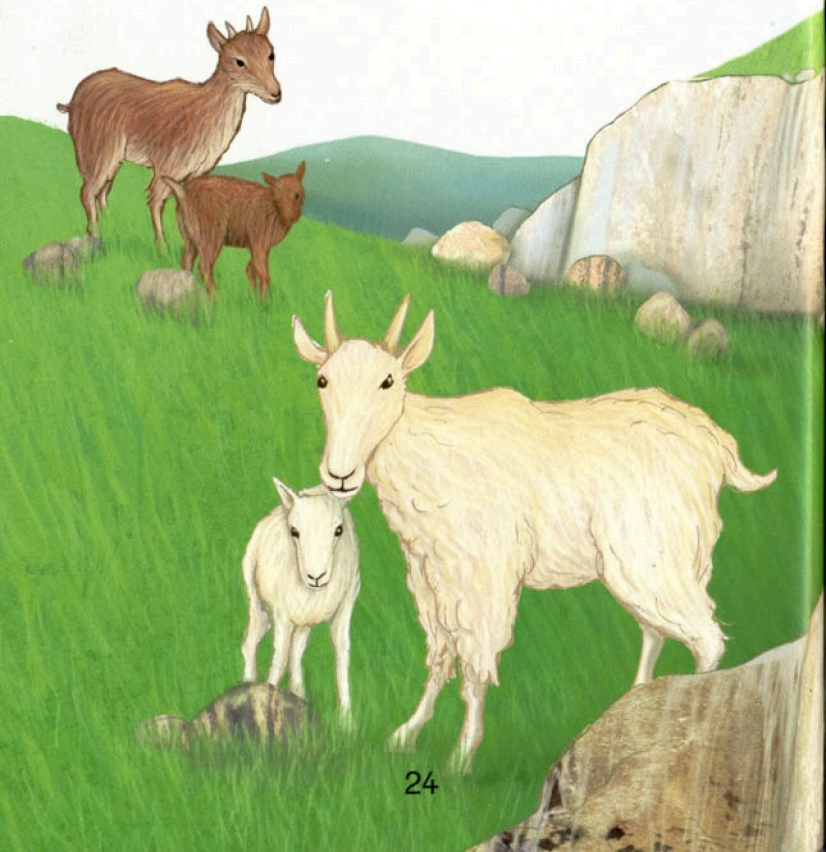
How many fawns can you see?

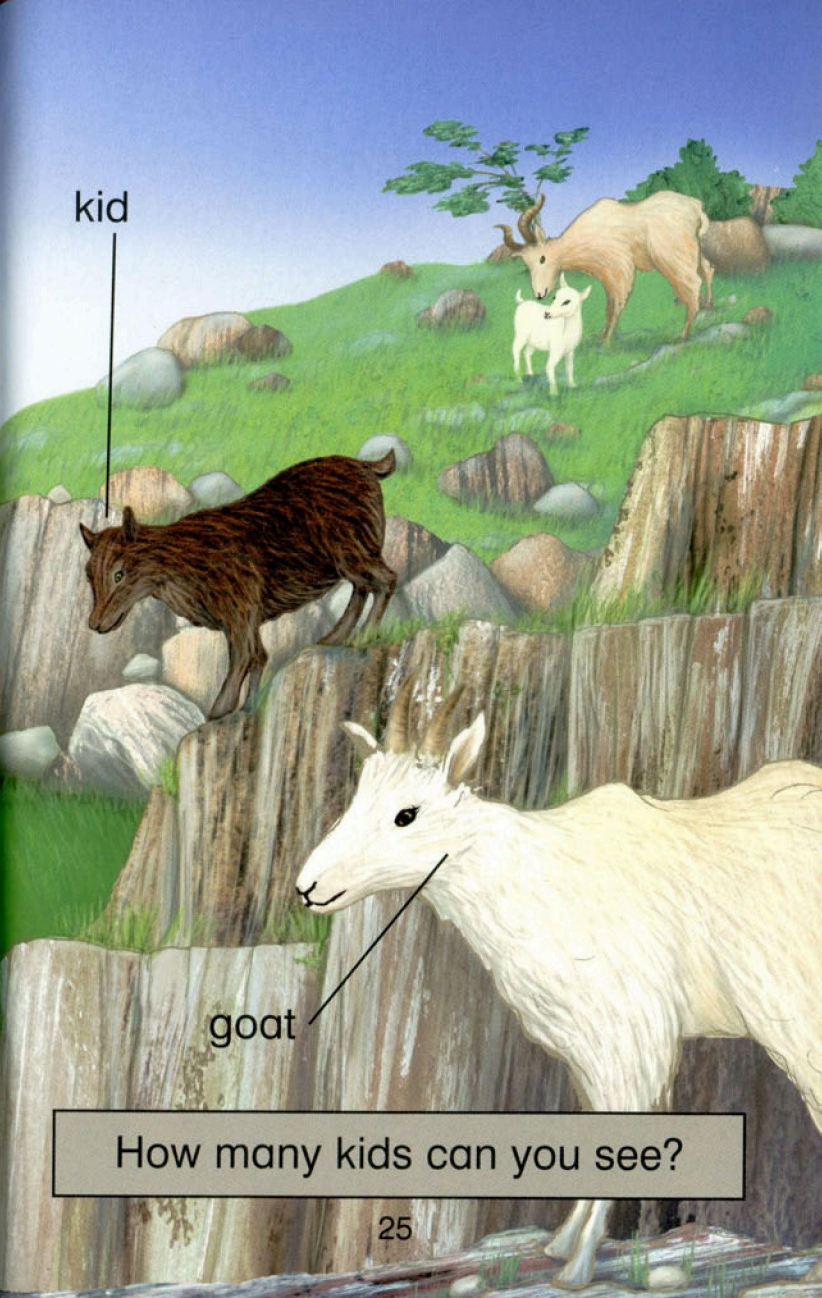
A baby elephant is a calf. When they are born, calves stay close to their mothers.



How many calves can you see?

A baby goat is a kid.
When they are born, kids
can climb steep mountains.





How many kids can you see?

Baby fish are fry.
When they are born, most fry have to look after themselves.

How many fry can you see?

These baby animals
are all called cubs.

These baby animals
are all called calves.

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Notes for teachers and parents

Read It Yourself is a series of graded readers designed to give young children a confident and successful start to reading.

Level 1 is suitable for children who are making their first attempts at reading. The books are written in a very simple way using a small number of frequently repeated words. The sentences on each page are closely supported by pictures to help with reading, and offer lively details to talk about.

About this book

- The opening pages introduce the baby animals in this book.
- Every page starts with a repetitive phrase to help beginner readers to start the sentence confidently.
- Answer the question at the bottom of the page. Notice how the question ends in a question mark.
- Talk about the function of the labels on every spread, which show a baby animal and its mother.
- Some children find it difficult to understand that baby animals have different names. Use the last spread to talk about this and look at how some baby animals share the same name (e.g. lion cub and bear cub).
- Try using the picture index at the back of the book. We use an index to help us find the page of the topic we are interested in.

Beginner readers need plenty of help and encouragement.

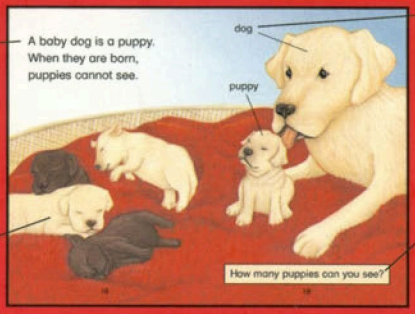
Read it yourself

LEVEL 1 for children who are ready to take their first steps in reading

- Interesting and familiar topics
- Carefully structured captions and labels
- Simple, repetitive sentence structures
- Fascinating and supportive illustrations

simple sentences

basic captions and labels



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